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Six Metre Awards

There is some confusion about the year 2000 six metre activity award. Points will be awarded as follows, 1 point per each unique QSO. Multiplied by the total number of locator squares worked (first four characters only). And again Multiplied by the number of DXCC countries worked. Completed logs with cover sheets should be sent to the contest manager John McDonnell EI6IR at ei6ir@eircom.net Phone 094-60127.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The Dundalk Amateur Radio Society held it's first meeting last Tuesday night the 15th of May, since the outbreak of Foot and Mouth in the county. The club are delighted to be back again after such a long break. Points discussed at the meeting included the return of the 2 metre repeater to it's site, which the club have been informed will be shortly. Also the activation of one of their call signs EI0DMF. This is the call sign that Dundalk Amateur Radio Society use during the Dundalk Maytime Festival. Listen out for this rare call sign every Tuesday night until the 26th of June. The club hopes to activate both VHF and HF from the club house each Tuesday. All are welcome to join in.

IATV and Microwave Convention

The Irish Amateur Television club in association with the Microwave Society of Ireland could not hold their second annual convention as planned. This was a result of the foot and mouth situation. This event will now be deferred to a later date, possibly around September. The new date for this event, when it is scheduled, will be announced in the radio news. The e-mail address of the Irish Amateur Television Club is iatc@eircom.net.

South Dublin Radio Club

Members of SDR recently visited the QTH of the Terenure College Radio Club. There was a good discussion on amateur radio topics between the members of the two clubs, and arrangements were made for future get-togethers. The Terenure College Radio

Club has a permanent QTH in the grounds of Terenure College, and many of its members were former pupils of the college.

Digital HF

It has been reported that the BBC World Service is to drop all of its short wave broadcasts to both the North and South American continents, and also to Australia, with effect from July. There is a new digital form of short wave broadcasting likely to be launched within the next two years called "Digital Radio Mondiale". Information released so far suggests that the audio quality should be comparable with that delivered by VHF FM transmissions.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 30th of May 2001 at 8.00pm in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. This will be an open discussion meeting where ideas and suggestions can be discussed. All are welcome to attend. Remember that the SEARG website now has a discussion forum which can be used to post questions and answers relating to all things amateur radio. This can be used for help in finding answers to technical questions or questions about the club. Items posted do not necessarily have to be directly related to amateur radio, questions on astronomy, computers and electronics etc. as well as general questions can be posted to the forum. There is also a buy and sell section and a chat room. The URL for the site is www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg Information about the club is also available on WAP enabled mobile phones at www.wapdrive.com/searg

DX News

Chris, G3WOS will be active as VP8DPL from the Falkland Islands until the 4th of June. Chris hopes to work most bands on CW and SSB running 500 Watts. 9Q5BQ, has been QRV from the Peoples Democratic Republic of Congo around 18.071 MHz just before 1900 UTC. QSL via HB9AMO. ET3VSC is active from Ethiopia using CW on 17 and 12 meters after 2200UTC and sometimes as early as 1030 UTC. QSL via K3IRV.

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submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net and you can fax him at 021-4354113.

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